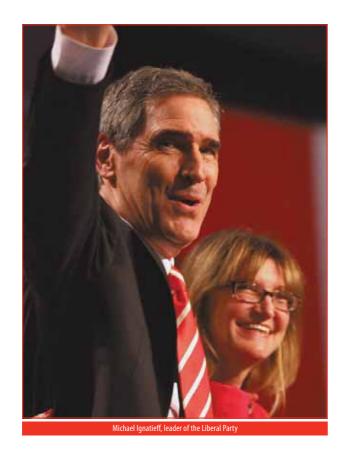
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Ignatieff supporters greet their man

Culling the Herd

- Smith steps down as Moose bench boss
- Chris Donnelly gone as associate coach
- Cam Russell, Jason Troini out as assistants
- Russell to stay on as general manager



Bobby Smith says this was his plan all along.

The Halifax Mooseheads' majority owner stepped down as head coach over the weekend, part of a top-to-bottom housecleaning behind the bench, saying his decision to take over for Cam Russell last October was never designed as a long-term move.

"I never planned on coaching this team next year," Smith said Saturday.

Smith said he wanted a change behind the bench after a 4-9-1 start but needed time to find a longterm replacement.

He had high expectations when he took over, but went 16-34-2-2 and suffered a four-game firstround sweep from the QMJHL playoffs.

"No question, I would have liked if we won more games and I would have liked if we did better in the playoffs," Smith admitted. Smith said he enjoyed being

head coach, but age caught up to his young team.

"I did not make this excuse to (media) during the season, or to the players, certainly, but ... maybe I underestimated what disadvantage we were at with two 19-yearolds and 11 rookies, which was part of our building process, against teams that were further along the road," Smith said.

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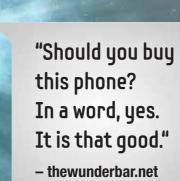


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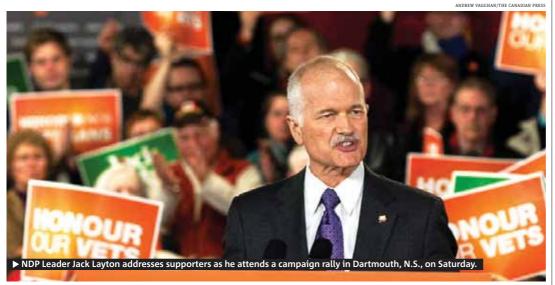
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Iggy, Layton visit Halifax

○ Liberal leader will greet commuters at Halifax Ferry Terminal this morning **○** Visits make it three leaders in town over past four days





Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff arrived at a Halifax pep rally last night armed with his brand new platform.

Launched in Ottawa earlier yesterday, the 94-page document promises tax credits for green renovations, assistance for family caregivers, more support for the Canada Pension Plan, and \$1 billion for early learning and child-care spaces.

"This is the family pack. It's the value pack of Canadian politics right here," he said to hundreds "You can't trust (Conservative Leader Stephen Harper) because he doesn't fundamentally respect Atlantic Canada." LIBERAL LEADER

MICHAEL IGNATIEFF

of Liberal supporters inside the Westin hotel last night.

Nova Scotia's Liberal candidates were announced and brought up on stage before the roaring cheers welcomed Ignatieff. He said it was the biggest crowd he has seen

in his first week of campaigning.

About half of Ignatieff's speech focused on the platform and the other half bashed Conservative Leader Stephen Harper.

"Tonight he's running an ad that says we're going to put an iPod tax on. Yeah, it's pretty funny—where did he get that idea? It's false," Ignatieff said to a laughing crowd.

"I want to make a deal with Mr. Harper: If you stop telling lies about us, we will stop telling the truth about you."

Harper was in town on Thursday and later promised support for the Lower



Churchill hydro-electricity project at a stop in Newfoundland.

NDP Leader Jack Layton stopped in Dartmouth on Saturday campaigning with a \$103-million promise to help veterans.

"(Prime Minister Stephen) Harper treats veterans' disability benefits as income, rather than compensation for the pain and suffering caused in the service of their country," Layton said.

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Woman stabbed in Cole Harbour

A young woman was stabbed early yesterday morning, police say.

RCMP officers in Cole Harbour were called to a residence on Chaswood Drive shortly after 8 a.m.

They found a 20-yearold woman with stab wounds.

The woman was treated by paramedics and taken to the QE II hospital. Police describe her injuries as non-life-threatening.

RCMP officers are investigating.

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Man in custory after standoff

A 51-year-old man is in custody after a standoff that forced police to cordon off part of a Truro area neighbourhood on Saturday night.

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Sentencing date to be read today

A sentencing date is scheduled to be set for former lawyer Anne Calder today at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax.

Calder was convicted last month of three trafficking charges after being charged in July 2010 after guards at the Central Nova Correctional Facility spotted her passing an envelope of drugs — the painkiller hydromorphone — to her client.

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McNeil says suspended officer is his brother

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil is confirming his brother Chris McNeil is one of two officers suspended by Halifax Regional Police.

The force says two officers were suspended with pay while an investigation is underway into two un-

connected matters.

McNeil said his brother is waiting to let the process take its due course.

He said he believes his brother did nothing wrong and will be able to return to serve as deputy chief. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Investigation



Report A CBC report cites unidentified sources who say Chris McNeil is under investigation to determine whether he committed perjury in a case involving another brother, who is also a Halifax police officer.

Sentence for serial drunk driver upheld

Naugle notorious figure for decades-long criminal history ○ It includes 68 convictions, 22 of those for impaired driving, 14 for driving while disqualified



A serial drunk driver who plowed into a family's sport utility vehicle two years ago before driving off has lost his appeal of his 8½-year consecutive sentence.

The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal said in a judgment released Friday that Terry Naugle is not a typical drunk driver, noting that previous attempts at rehabilitation have failed.

"Mr. Naugle was not sentenced more severely because he is an alcoholic, but for committing crimes that reflected a complete disregard for accepted norms of behaviour," Justice Duncan Beveridge wrote in an unanimous decision by the three-judge panel.

"The sentence separates him from society to prevent him, at least while incarcerated, from recidivism. Hopefully it will deter him, and demonstrate to others, that this type of behaviour is a serious crime and will be treated as such."

The court was asked if the trial judge erred last year when ordering consecutive sentences, or whether

"In my opinion, the sentence was justified by the need to protect society."

JUSTICE DUNCAN BEVERIDGE

they should have instead been concurrent.

The 53-year-old of the Truro area was arrested in March 2009 after his car slammed into a stalled vehicle along an exit ramp off Highway 102 near Enfield.

Luke Craggs, Naugle's lawyer, argued the sentence

handed down in February 2010 was "overkill" and exceeded the average of about four years for similar offences. He also argued the rial judge erred in ordering consecutive sentences for the three offences.

Naugle pleaded guilty to the charges. In sentencing, provincial court Judge Frank Hoskins described Naugle's record for impaired driving as "one of the worst" he'd ever seen, adding "he is a menace to society when driving a motor vehicle." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dexter seeks new contracts

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"The way the shipyard works is the workforce responds to the contracts that are in the yard at the time." NOVA SCOTIA PREMIER DARRELL DEXTER

Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter is using 50 layoffs at the Halifax shipyard to reinforce his pitch for new federal shipbuilding contracts.

Dexter said the layoffs announced Friday illustrate why the provincial government is set to lobby hard to win lucrative contracts for the Irvingowned shipyard under the \$35-billion, 30-year federal strategy.

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Rankin right to quit: Colleague

Coun. Reg Rankin did the honourable thing by quitting the police commission, according to one of his colleagues.

Rankin quit the Board of Police Commissioners after he made inappropriate comments to a woman at a police ball last month.

"To me there's no issue anymore. He said an inappropriate remark, and he did the honourable thing and resigned," said Coun. Sue Uteck, who also sits on the commission.

A letter of complaint was sent to the commission, but Rankin had already resigned at that point, she added

The administrative committee is currently dis-



cussing a code of ethics for councillors, but Uteck said it won't have any teeth.

"You already signed an oath of office and that is your oath of ethics," she

A call has gone out from the clerks' office to councillors to fill the vacancy on the police commission.

Rankin could not be reached for comment yesterday. • JENNIFER TAPLIN

Who's to blame for sewage backup?

It's a toss up about who should be paying for damage from a sewage backup in Bedford's Ridgevale subdivision, according to the area's councillor

Coun. Tim Outhit wants to know why the backup happened late last week, and who's responsible — whether it be residences or Halifax Water

Using a camera to look

down into the pipes, Outhit said one could see a buildup of greases, fats and oils from people dumping these things down their sinks. Bacon grease is believed to be a main culprit.

"There was a blockage and the blockage caused sewer to back up into several residences basements," Outhit said, noting several homes were affected. "That was issue No 1."

"Issue No. 2 was when Halifax Water came to deal with the blockage, and caused a backup in homes that weren't affected by the first backup."

● LAURA WARREN

Woman dies after collision

A three-vehicle collision in Pictou County on Friday night has claimed another life.

RCMP say Irene Johnson, 82, succumbed to her injuries earlier yesterday.

Police say the roads at the site of the crash on Highway 104, near Barneys River Station, were icv.

Fifty-four-year-old Susan Glinz of Brookfield, the driver of the van in which Johnson was a passenger, was pronounced dead at the scene.

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N.S. sailor faces rough conditions during race

A ruptured valve is causing problems for a Nova Scotian sailor who is among the Top 3 solo racers in a round-the-world competition. Derek Hatfield of Mahone Bay says his boat sprang a leak off the coast of Brazil, but he plans to stay in the race by pumping out a flooded compartment every day.

He told CBC the valve broke when he ran into rough weather last week. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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Liberals' style stands out at platform launch

Michael Ignatieff speaks without notes to emphasize authenticity Platform elements focus on family



Never mind the substance. check out the style.

The Liberal campaign platform launch yesterday wasn't just an opportunity for the party to tout its "family pack" policy agenda paid for by billions in business tax hikes.

The online launch of the 94-page document was designed as a study in contrasts between Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff and Prime Minister Stephen Harper as Canadian voters consider their ballot choices for May 2.

"This is what democracy looks like," said Ignatieff, speaking without notes or TelePrompTer in a hotel

ballroom ringed with seated supporters like an amphitheatre.

"This is the right way to do it folks. This is the only way to do it in a democracy. You put ideas out, you defend them clearly and then you stand and answer questions in front of the Canadian people."

The launch format included video addresses from Liberal candidates all women — heralding four family-friendly platform elements: pension reforms; post-secondary education; home care; and early childhood education.

"The other guys are a one-man band," Ignatieff said of Harper. "I've got a team."

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Red Book launch

The detailed Liberal

- It mirrors the Liberal launch of their 1993 campaign Red Book that was also delivered in a budget-style media lockup at a downtown Ottawa hotel - designed to lend an air of credibility to a policy
- also went out online,



platform release comes unusually early in the 36-day campaign.

- blueprint.
- This time, the document something Ignatieff said made "a little bit of histo-



Harper rocks out to AC/DC with karate kids

the second week of his federal election campaign in his personal comfort zone: Listening to some AC/DC and playing a little hockey.

He stayed in his policy comfort zone as well.

Harper announced that, if elected, the Tories would double the existing tax credit for children's sports to \$1,000 and introduce a \$500 credit for adults.

But neither will come into force until the budget is balanced — or not until 2015-16, according to Tory estimates.

"A re-elected Conservative government will enact both of these measures be-

mandate, because our approach is clear — when we can afford it, we will lower your taxes," Harper told a campaign event yesterday

at an Ottawa gym.
Initially, Conservative officials had said the children's tax credit would go into effect immediately, but they later changed their tune, citing an error in the campaign literature.

An expert panel will decide which activities qualify for the credit, Harper said as a group of young, aspiring martial artists kicked and punched the air behind him.

The kids' program is

about \$145 million a year, while the adult program carries an annual price tag of \$275 million.

Harper arrived at the gym to the sounds of Thunderstruck by AC/DC, a band he counts among his favourites.

He and his wife, Laureen, spent some time watching children practise karate moves before each picked up a red padded shield to give the kids a livelier target.

Said Harper to one waifish child as he absorbed the blows: "Put more into it.

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NDP pans 'Red Books'

Jack Layton brushed off both the Liberal platform release and claims that one of his Ouebec candidates flirted with separatists yesterday as the NDP campaign continued trying to find its footing.

Without having read the Liberal program, Layton dismissed it as hollow, suggesting the promises in the party's "Red Books" over the years "were broken in record numbers."

It was left to one of Layton's unelected candidates. Francoise Boivin - a former Liberal in Gatineau-Hull - and Layton's wife, Toronto NDP incumbent

"We believe in running uphill. That's our party. We run up hill," NDP LEADER JACK LAYTON

Olivia Chow, to dissect the platform in detail.

It was a curious strategy, given that the NDP are battling Liberals for much of the same electoral turf, and that Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff appeared to make gains at Layton's expense during the first week of the May 2 cam-

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Tory staffer lashes out on **Facebook**

A junior Conservative staffer has lashed out at his own party on Facebook, citing "stupidity" among the party's communications

Tony Phillips posted a message urging the Conservatives to let Prime Minister Stephen Harper answer more than five questions a day from the media.

Phillips has worked as an assistant for B.C. MP Dona Cadman, and is now working on her re-election

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Engineers aim to block leak

Engineers pinned their hopes on chemicals, saw-dust and shredded newspaper to stop highly radioactive water pouring into the ocean from Japan's tsunami-ravaged nuclear plant yesterday as officials said it will take several months to bring the crisis under control, the first time

they have provided a timetable. Concrete already failed to stop the tainted water spewing from a crack in a maintenance pit, and the new mixture did not appear to be working either, but engineers said they were not abandoning it.

The Fukushima Daichi plant has been leaking radioactivity since the March 11 tsunami carved a path of destruction along Japan's northeastern coast, killing as many as 25,000 people and knocking out key cooling systems.

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Women attacked, activists say

Thousands of women calling for the ouster of Yemen's longtime ruler were attacked yesterday by police with sticks and rocks, setting off a furious battle with male protesters that left several people hurt, activists said.

The women were marching down a main street shouting, "peaceful!" when they were attacked, activist

Ghazi al-Samei said.

Three of the young men suffered serious gunshot wounds when police opened fire, protester Bushra al-Maqtari told the Associated Press.

She said over 200 more suffered breathing problems caused by inhaling tear gas.

Army tanks and armoured cars stopped other demonstrators from entering Taiz, the site of some of the largest and angriest protests against President Ali Abdullah Saleh's rule.

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Protests spread over Qur'an burning in U.S.

O Violence reaches Afghanistan's east O Sparked by the burning of Islamic holy book by Florida church O Thousands gathered in the once peaceful city

Demonstrators battled police in southern Afghanistan's main city yesterday and took to the streets in the turbulent east for the first time as Western pleas failed to halt a third day of rage over a Florida pastor's burning of the Qur'an.

An officer was shot dead in a second day of clashes in the city of Kandahar, said provincial health director Qayum Pokhla. Two officers and 18 civilians were wounded, he said.

In Jalalabad, the largest city in the east, hundreds of people blocked the main highway for three hours, shouting for U.S. troops to leave, burning an effigy of President Barack Obama and stomping on a drawing of a U.S. flag.

The violence was set off by anger over the March



20 burning of the Qur'an by a Florida church — the same church whose pastor had threatened to do so last year on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, triggering world-wide outrage.

The protests, which began Friday, also appear to be fuelled more broadly by the resentment that has been building for years in Afghanistan over the operations of Western military forces, blamed for killing and mistreating civilians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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LADY HAS LUCK AND LONGEVITY ON HER SIDE

Birders are waxing poetic over a female osprey named Lady — she's lived three times longer than average and has faithfully returned to the same Scottish loch for over two decades.

decades.
Over 130,000 people watched the imposing bird of prey on a webcam the day after she returned to the banks of the Loch of the Lowes, a lake in Perthshire, Scotland last week. Lady has completed an annual 5,000-kilometre migration from west Africa to the banks

of the same Scottish lake for 21 consecutive years.

Most ospreys have an average life span of around eight years, but Lady is estimated to be 26.

Yesterday, Lady's most recent mate — an 11-year-old male who first appeared at the Loch of the Lowes last year — came back and settled himself into her nest. Ospreys usually mate for life, but Lady's long lifespan means she has outlived most of her partners.

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Markets, dollar grind forward

Analysts expect job gains of up to 30,000 last month Unemployment figures expected to dip

Stock markets look set to extend gains this week after signs that the U.S. economic recovery is gaining momentum.

The U.S. labour department reported Friday that economy created 216,000 jobs last month, which was above expectations. The jobless rate edged down one-tenth of a percentage point to a twoyear low of 8.8 per cent.

The Institute for Supply Management's index, a key barometer of U.S. manufacturing, came in slightly betthan expected for



March. The numbers sent the resource-heavy Toronto stock exchange up five per cent for the first quarter.

But economists are concerned about oil prices, which, if they stay at the \$107 US mark, could throw the global economy and U.S. recovery off track.

Meanwhile, the Canadian dollar could rise further at the end of the week when traders see the latest employment numbers. Statistics Canada is expected to report another month of strong gains.

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Twitter tax deal is bitter tweet

A proposed tax break for one of the world's hottest social-media companies has sparked a storm of outrage. As an incentive for moving its headquarters to a blighted inner-city block in San Francisco, Twitter has asked for an exemption from the city's payroll tax on new hires. But many politicians as well as the city's largest public-employee union condemn the proposal as a poorly crafted gift to the rich. And low-income residents worry that revitalization will just lead to higher rents. Twitter declined to comment.



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INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT

Well, Brad Johns certainly kicked over a few hornets' houses.

he councillor for Middle and Upper Sackville-Lucasville had the temerity last month to suggest "individuals or businesses directly involved with the development industry" be banned from contributing to local candidates' elections.

Within days, prominent Halifax developer Wadih Fares was demanding an apology. "Who does he think we are? A bunch of Mafia," he asked allnovasco-

Fares, a Progress magazine 2009 Entrepreneur of the Year, owns and manages more than 600 local properties and is currently developing the \$30-million Trillium condo project on South Park Street.

Chronicle-Herald columnist Marilla Stephenson punctuated her report on Johns' motion with an appalled: "Get this."

Johns' fellow councillor Debbie Hum had "great concerns. There are a whole lot of implications.'

Uh ... why is everyone so knicker-knotted?

By Johns' own rough calculations, 30 per cent of council decisions involve development of one sort or another - from home renovations, to suburban subdivisions, to \$150-million-plus projects like the whatever-happened-to the Twisted Sisters towers to public-private partnerships like the proposed \$500million convention centre complex.

Late last year, Dalhousie's Planning and Design Centre produced a map showing 23 approved downtown projects.

Total cost for the 17 that included price tags: More than \$1.4 billion.

That's a lot of money, a lot of reasons for a developer to try to nudge a bureaucrat's recommendation or a politician's vote.

Not to suggest this has ever, ever happened in Halifax, of course.

But in cities with greater transparency and/or a more curious press, such things do sometimes happen.

In Vancouver in 2008, for example, council secretly approved — shades of Concertgate — a \$100-million loan to the developer of the Olympic village.

In Montreal, Maclean's reported in 2009 that "the city's real estate corporation, run by (the mayor's) former chief of staff, was found to have made a sweetheart land deal to a well-connected developer."

Although Johns has wisely now expanded his motion to include all corporations and unions, I'm still curious to know why so many people seem to have such difficulty with Johns' simple desire to "remove the ability to make an accusation."

Curious.

Letters

GATINEAU, Que. By voting or not, young Canadians will decide May 2 whether our country will move towards greater assistance to banks and large corporations or towards a growing econo-my based on wealth sharing and Canadians' well-being.

An analysis of EKOS polling between July 7 and Sept. 28 of last year suggested Canadians between the ages of 18 and 24 would elect a Liberal minority government, with a substantial increase in representation for the New Democrats, Bloc Québécois, and Greens. The Conservative party would be severely reduced, virtually wiped out in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes.

Unfortunately, only 37 per cent of eligible voters between the ages of 18 and 24 exercised their democratic duty during the 2008 federal election. Let's hope these facts will catch young voters' attention and bring them to the ballots May 2. More then ever, the future of a Canada for all Canadians is in young Canadian voters' hands. BRUNO MAROUIS

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WEIRD NEWS

Pillows and feathers fly across the globe

People in cities across the globe took part in mass pillow fights as part of International Pillow Fight Day. Pillow fights were held in a number of Canadian cities, including Calgary, Vancouver, Montreal, Toronto and London.

In Vancouver, the flash mob was organized on Facebook and several hundred people showed up with pillows and proceeded to knock the stuffing out of them in a frenzied

fight outside the Vancouver Art Gallery.

In London's Trafalgar Square, people came dressed in pyjamas, dressing gowns and fancy dress to take part in the good-natured pillow fight Saturday afternoon. Most people carried feather-filled pillows that exploded as they fought.

London's Metropolitan Police said yesterday the event had been peaceful and they had no reports of any trouble.

Organizers listed similar events in more than 130 cities around the world. The fights were organized by The Urban Playground Movement, which wants to encourage people to make use of public spaces.

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Do you know who you are voting for?

78% 22% NO, THAT'S WHAT ELECTIONS ARE FOR

TODAY'S QUESTION: DO YOU THINK THE NHL IS RETURNING TO WINNIPEG AND QUEBEC CITY?

Local tweets



@Jalen4: Does no one in Halifax have size 11 feet?

an 11 but they have 8 pairs of it!!! #idontunderstand @bluenosergrl: Wow, security lineup at Hfx airport crazy ridiculous this am glad I didn't need to check

luggage! @SweetBiscuit902: Enjoyed my weekend trip to Halifax and saw The Real Housewives of Cape Breton at The Halifax Feast Dinner Theatre, Great show!

@ShawnMiner: A movie car crash is being filmed at

Granville and George in Halifax.

- @DukesterHFX: Still on set downtown Halifax of the film "The Guys Who Move Furniture" my doorman scene not up yet
- @dillongarland: Just got back from checking out @MikeClattenburg's big production going on by Elephant and Castle in downtown Halifax. So damn cool
- @vonnegutted: I now refuse to drink at the Red Stag Tavern in downtown Halifax, Anywhere Harper is welcome is no place for



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Kids pick their favourites

Johnny Depp showed his appreciation for his Kids' Choice Award with a sliming.

After earning the blimpshaped favourite movie actor trophy for his Mad Hatter role in Alice in Wonderland, Depp manned a hose and unleashed waves of green goop on the screaming crowd of more than 10,000 kids — and a few adults.

"You guys are the future," he said Saturday before spraying the slime inside University of Southern California's Galen Center. "Take good care of us."

The screaming mob at Nickelodeon's 24th annual fan-favourite ceremony later revolted by flicking the goo at Modern Family co-star Rico Rodriguez and Arthur leading man Russell Brand.

Jack Black, the zany master of ceremonies, kicked off the silly show by arriving in a monster truck, performing a flash mob-style routine on the orange carpet.

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Winners

A partial list of winners from the 24th annual Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards.

- Favourite Movie: The Karate Kid
- Favourite Movie Actor: Johnny Depp, Alice in Wonderland
- Favourite Movie Actress: Miley Cyrus, The Last Song.
- Favourite Animated
 Movie: Despicable Me.
- Favourite TV Show: iCarly
 Favourite TV Actor: Dylan
 Sprouse, The Suite Life on
 Deck.
- Favourite TV Actress: Selena Gomez, Wizards of Waverly Place.

• Former sitcom star's opening night does not go over well with fans
• Torpedo of Truth tour greeted with boos and calls for it to be ended



Charlie Sheen bonbs in tour opener

Charlie Sheen and his "goddesses" took the stage to thunderous applause Saturday night for the first leg of his Torpedo of Truth tour. The 70-minute show hadn't even ended when the first reviews were in, and they were brutal.

The former Two and a Half Men star showed that comedic success on the screen doesn't necessarily translate to the stage, and the capacity crowd at Detroit's 5,100-seat Fox Theatre rebelled before the show ended, chanting "refund!" and walking out in droves.

Linda Fugate, 47, of the Detroit suburb of Lincoln Park, left the theatre and walked up the street yelling, "I want my money back!"

She said she paid \$150 for two seats.

"I was hoping for something. I didn't think it would be this bad."

Sheen's publicist Larry Solters declined to comment after the show, but Sheen reappeared after the house lights went up to thank those who remained.

Fans who arrived at the theatre — some who had to fly in for the show — said they were hoping to see the increasingly eccentric actor deliver some of the colourful rants that have made him an Internet star since his ugly falling out with CBS and

the producers of Two and a Half Men.

They got the ranting. It just wasn't funny.

"I expected him to at least entertain a little bit. It was just a bunch of ranting," said Rodney Gagnon, 34, of Windsor, Ont.

On Twitter, where Sheen has amassed some 3.4 million followers, some fans were already predicting a premature end for the planned 20-city tour, which was scheduled to resume last night in Chicago.

"Charlie Sheen thanks for saying goodbye! Piece of advice cancel the rest of your tour," someone tweeted under the name ChrstosMo. The show started well for the 45-year-old Sheen, with the audience standing and cheering as he and the women he calls his "goddesses" took the stage. The women, a former porn star and an actress who live with him, carried placards with the words "War" and "Lock," a reference to Sheen's recent description of himself as a warlock.

"I don't see a single empty seat," he said.

Not long into the show, though, an audience member booed, prompting Sheen to sanguinely reply, "I've already got your money, dude."

Things only got worse.
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The Easter bunny has hopped into the top spot at the weekend box office. Russell Brand's family comedy Hop debuted at No. 1 with \$38.1 million, according to studio estimates yesterday.

Jake Gyllenhaal's action thriller Source Code debuted at No. 2 with \$15.1 million. The haunted-house tale Insidious opened at No. 3 with \$13.5 million. The previous weekend's top movie, Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules, fell to No. 4 with \$10.2 million. raising its total to \$38.4 million. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Lohan's Betty Ford brawl tape released

• Rehab worker, Lohan heard screaming and hurling insults on 911 call from clinic Prosecutors found insufficient evidence to file any charges

The yelling- and expletive-filled 911 call from the night of Lindsay Lohan's infamous Betty Ford Center brawl has been released, according to Radar Online.

During the call, both Lohan and clinic worker Dawn Holland can be heard complaining to the operator, yelling at each other and struggling over the phone.

"Lindsay Lohan is being rude. She's gotten on the phone with her mom and she's telling her mom I'm being rude to her, which I'm not," Holland says in the recording.

"I have a problem because Lindsay Lohan pushed me and hit me with the phone while I was trying to talk to you."

Prosecutors announced last week they were not pursuing charges against Lohan in the incident.



Beckham on baby names

David Beckham stopped by Jimmy Kimmel Live to talk about the arrival of his first daughter — and to dish on possible baby names. "We've got a few in mind, but we also said to the boys, 'Give us some ideas,'" Beckham said. "When we got told it was a boy, Romeo said, 'How about Justin Bieber as a name? Justin Bieber Beckham?' So now that we know it's a girl, he was like, 'How about Justine

Even princes get wedding jitters

He may be royalty, but even Prince William isn't above some pre-wedding

"I was telling everyone I did the rehearsal the other day and my knees started tapping quite nervously," William says, according to Hollyscoop.

"It's quite a daunting prospect. But I'm thoroughly looking forward to it, but there's still a lot of planning to be done in the last four weeks."

William can at least take comfort in the fact that his bachelor party went off without a hitch or a camera in sight.

"It's quite good news always to outfox the media, but it was a military operation and my brother and I are very proud of how it went," William says.





Courtney Love strikes back

back after Kelly Osbourne referred to Love as a crackhead on her new E! show, Fashion Police.

"Kelly knows I'm sober. Kelly knows there's no drugs allowed at my house. I think it's really lame," Love says during a rant on website VYou.

"Kelly and me get along great, but it's gross. I don't like being the punchline them, so stop it.'

Regardless of how well they get along, Love didn't mind turning the tables on Osbourne, saying, "This girl I know, Kelly Osbourne, I've saved her life twice. I've done CPR, I've put things in her boobs. [She was on] Oxycontin, cocaine, foaming at the mouth.

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Celebrity tweets



"In the

Rapids Iowa Airport. A man is drinking Mountain Dew & eating a carton of cubed cheese 4 breakfast."



@azizansari "India won some cricket thing! I'm Indian!!!

Yaaaaaaay!!!"

@chriscolfer "Watching the news. How are animals still escaping from the zoo? We have hovercrafts but we can't invent a monkey-proof lock?"



"Made a Britney joke, then a door hit me. God's on Britney's side.

Not mine. Got it."

Travolta to star in Gotti film

A highly anticipated film starring John Travolta as the leader of the legendary Gambino crime family has a name: Gotti: Three Generations.

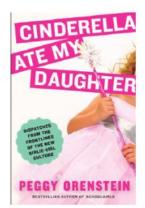
Film spokesman Steve Honig says the biopic about "Dapper Don" John Gotti will be shot on a budget of about \$75 million this year.

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Lily Allen launches fashion line

Lily Allen is adding another line to her resumé, launching a fashion line called Lucy in Disguise with sister Sarah Owen, according to Women's Wear

Allen explains the name refers to their ideal client. "a time-travelling fashionista, who's inviting you to explore her wardrobe," Allen says. • metro



The Britney factor

Britney Spears' new album, Femme Fatale, debuted last week
 Author Peggy Orenstein examines the long-lasting — and damaging — effects of the 'girl power' pop star's sexuality



In your new book Cinderella Ate My Daughter, you write about how Disney princess culture has altered your little girl's view of sexuality. It reminded me of Britney Spears, when she debuted in a schoolgirl outfit posing suggestively.

Yes, she set a template for a lot of the confusion that came after and was ironically a direct outgrowth of the Girl Power movement — she had an impact on the way Girl Power was commodified and changed. On the one hand, she was a breakthrough because she was a girl who was a star for girls, as opposed to, say, David Cassidy or Bobby Sherman or the Jonas Brothers today. But as such, she had this whole different approach. She was at once selling chastity and sex and combining them in this really weird

And she was doing this for really little girls, when she started.



It's hard to remember now, but one of her central fan bases was six-year-old girls, who would go to her concerts and scream and shout. She always talked about being a virgin. And she'd say, "If you see me as a Lolita, that's your problem." But everything she did completely contradicted that. It's this weird thing where she was sexualizing innocence and fetishizing it. So it was an ultimately incredibly disempowering stance for girls to see.

And what's been the fallout all these years later?

The culture has taken up

that message. It plays into the diva culture of little girls right now, that accelerated makeup and hot dance moves, with Miley Cyrus and the like. I want to be clear: I don't come at this from a perspective to be negative about sexuality. It's just that when little girls have inappropriate sexuality - however it's imposed, by pop culture or adults they love - they don't understand it. The risk is that they never connect it and sexiness becomes a performance for them rather than something that involves intimacy. Instead they see sexiness as something they

do for the pleasure and entertainment for others. As if self-objectification was a rite of passage.

You see that today: Young girls "sext" naked photos of themselves to their boyfriends.

with sexting, there's also an issue of sexual entitlement. Girls are feeling like they have to perform the idea that they're comfortable with their sexuality. And you have to wonder, what is it that they're getting? They don't have pleasure or control. What is the reality of what that act gives them? It's not anything healthy.

So what are parents supposed to do?

First, it's about limiting their access to media and such, when they're really little. And also trying to expand their ideas of who they are and what they can be, that's not linked constantly to playing at pretty or sassy (which is sexy with training wheels). Educate them and yourself.

Who is your daughter Daisy idolizing these days?

Well, this is going to sound politically correct but it's true. We went to a dinner the other night where this 99-year-old judo champion was being honoured. She was talking about, among other things, how one should be gentle, strong and beautiful. To illustrate "gentle" and "strong," she said she could walk up to a man twice her size (which wouldn't be hard, she was about four-foot-nine) and touch him with her index finger and he would collapse. And by beautiful, she meant not the externals but a beautiful heart. I told Daisy, "Look at her, isn't she amazing!" She was taken. She was in-



New study

81 minutes...

is the amount of time working moms spend looking after their kids in the U.K. per week, according to a new study by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. That includes meals. Stayat-home moms and possibly Nanny McPhee? (pictured) - spent twice as much time.





Pork chops with an apple twist

◆ This pork dish can be served with rice or mashed potatoes ◆ Or pair it with your favourite veggies

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Cooking pork chops with the bone in offers up a juicy and flavourful

dish.

And, with just a few other pantry staples, dinner is ready.

These pork chops are go perfectly served with rice or mashed potatoes and your favourite vegetables.

Preparation:

- Place the pork chops on a plate and sprinkle both sides with the sage, thyme, salt and pepper. Dredge each pork chop in flour to coat, shaking off any excess flour.
- In a large nonstick skillet heat the oil over medium high heat and the brown the pork chops on both sides. Remove to a plate and keep warm. Return the skillet to medium heat and cook the onion for 5 minutes or until

softened. Add the apples and thyme and cook for 2 minutes. Add the cider and raisins and bring to boil.

Return the pork chops to the skillet and turn to coat. Simmer for about 5 minutes or until a hint of pink remains inside. Sprinkle with parsley before serving.

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Ingredients:

- 4 bone in pork loin chops
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each dried sage and thyme leaves
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each salt
- and pepper
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) all purpose flour
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 2 apples (such as Empire

or Cortland), cored and thinly sliced

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) apple
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) raisins
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped fresh Italian parsley



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Time running out?

Despite waning interest for Earth Hour, experts insist it's still relevant



The fourth annual Earth Hour was observed across Canada last Saturday evening. From 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., lights dimmed in hundreds of communities, as Canadians lent their efforts to a global initiative to reduce power use.

But in Canada at least, the savings were fairly negligible. Toronto saved only half the power of a year ago. Other big cities also showed reduced results, and in Edmonton, electricity consumption actually went up. So, was it a success? Is Earth Hour an idea that's worth pursuing?

"Absolutely, it's a useful exercise," says Stacey Mc-Carthy, communications manager for WWF-Canada



in Halifax. "We're very happy that the number of participating cities, municipalities and towns in Canada increased to 422 this year. It was 304 a year ago."

McCarthy insists rising participation — as opposed to kilowatt-hours saved — is the better measure of Earth Hour's effec-

tiveness.

"The one hour is a symbolic demonstration more than an effort to save power," she says. "We just want to see awareness increasing, and that's what did happen. Earth Hour is becoming a common household term. It's exciting to see Canadians click in and say 'I need to do

Earth Hour

Dimming the lights:

Nova Scotia Power, electricity consumption in the province dropped by 18 megawatts during Earth Hour last Saturday – the equivalent of 1.4-million compact fluorescent light bulbs.

something about this."

Jennifer Link, spokesperson for Toronto Hydro, agrees.

"Generally, conservation is a year-round activity," she says. "This is an awareness-raising tactic to get people excited about conservation. Why wouldn't you do it? It generates interest, and gets people thinking about conservation for the longer term."

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It makes beautiful sense

Queen of Green

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HELP FOR ECO FEMALE HYGIENE

I have three daughters, which has me wondering about the greenest alternatives when it comes to feminine hygiene products. Can you help? Sherry of Montreal

he two main considerations when buying the greenest feminine hygiene products are materials and waste.

The average woman will go through about 11,500 tampons in her lifetime. So the least wasteful option is to switch to a reusable menstrual cup. These are made from natural latex

rubber or silicone and can be used for up to a decade. Before you decide that this is a bit out of your comfort zone, consider that a reusable mini cup works for heavy or light flow, doesn't leak, comes in different sizes (ensuring comfort) and only needs to be emptied two to four times a day.

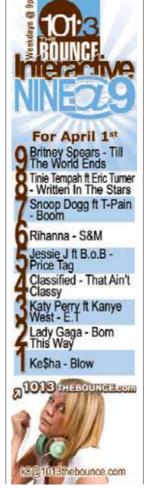
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More sports



Brad Marchand of Hammonds Plains was honoured by the **Boston Bruins on** Saturday when he received their seventh player award. The award goes to the player who "goes above and beyond the call of duty and exceeds expectations of Bruins fans." The NHL rookie has 21 goals among 41 points 73 games.



◆ Rainmen down 1-0 in the PBL semifinal ◆ Facing elimination Wednesday in Oklahoma ◆ Cavalry on 33-game winning streak at home



letdown letdown spoils Rainmen's night



The Halifax Rainmen left the court frustrated and disappointed on Saturday after letting a golden opportunity slip away.

The Rainmen, looking to get an early edge on the heavily favoured Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry in Game 1 of the Premier Basket-ball League's best-of-three semifinal, had the upper hand for most of the game before their lead melted away in a 93-92 overtime loss at the Metro Centre.

Taliek Brown scored

"We knew that if they scored they were going to be celebrating. I told them, we didn't have any time left, as soon as you get it, just push it up the floor."

CAVALRY HEAD COACH MICHAEL RAY RICHARDSON, ON GABE FREEMAN'S GAME-WINNING BASKET

what the Rainmen hoped would be the winning hoop with 9.2 seconds left in overtime, but the Cavs stunned the crowd of 2,089 when Gabe Freeman stormed the other way and waltzed in for the buzzer-beating basket.

"We just laxed up on defence at the end," Brown said. "We just didn't stick to what we were doing, we didn't keep the person in front of us for the last points, and that's how they scored.

"We played great the whole game. We played well as a team and we just gave it up at the end."

The loss overshadowed an impressive effort against a Cavalry team that went 18-2 this season and has won three straight minor-professional basketball championships.

The Rainmen locked the Cavalry down defensively, keeping them from scoring for long stretches and forcing them to shoot just .356 from the field.

Now, the Rainmen are facing a must-win situation on Wednesday at Great Plains Coliseum in Oklahoma, where the Cavalry have won 33 straight games.

"We just got to keep playing like we did (in Game 1)," Brown said. "We played well. We just couldn't execute down the stretch, and it just kills us. That's been going on all year."



Smith to take time naming bench successor

Bobby Smith is in no rush to replace himself.

The Halifax Mooseheads' majority owner, who stepped down as head coach on Saturday, is likely to wait until at least the end of May before coming up with a short list of solid candidates.

Smith said by that time, more teams will be finished for the season and he'll have a better idea of who is available and who is interested.

"We're not necessarily looking for a guy to coach the team for 10 years," Smith said. "It could be a guy with the ambition to take the team from 15th to seventh to first and then say, 'Hey, I got what I wanted (after two years), just got offered the head-coaching job of the St. Louis Blues."

Smith said the candidate could be a "young upand-comer" or someone more experienced who is "coming back from prohockey who thinks this is the right situation" to make the leap to the NHL.

Smith was responsible for the hiring of Al MacAdam (2004-05) and Cam Russell (2006-07) before installing himself behind the bench last October.

Although the Mooseheads finished 15th among 18 teams this season and have been in the basement since 2008-09, Smith said the new coach will have a strong core of talent to mold into a contender.

He has particularly high expectations for 17-yearolds such as Brent Andrews, Martin Frk, Darcy Ashley and Francis Turbide.

"I'm hoping we take a major step forward next year," Smith said. "I don't want to say we want to have home-ice advantage (in the first round) or a certain number of wins, but I think continuing to build a really good team we can take a major step forward."

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Canadians start off at top of heap

Winnipeg rink's three games on weekend draw near-capacity crowds at Regina's Brandt Centre

Canada's Jeff Stoughton picked up his third straight win to open the Ford Men's World Curling Championship yesterday despite German skip Andy Kapp's one-man show.

Stoughton's Winnipeg team shot 90 per cent to Germany's 71 in a 7-4 victory, but Kapp compensated for his teammates' mistakes with some pressure shots to keep the game

"We have to give credit to Andy Kapp because that could have been a blowout for sure," said Stoughton third Jon Mead.

Canada scored two points in the third and seventh ends with last-rock advantage and stole one in the tenth, while Germany couldn't muster a multipoint end when they had the hammer.

Kapp drew for a piece of the button surrounded by three Canadian stones in the fourth end to tie the game 2-2. The German skip faced four Canadian counters in the sixth and again drew in for one to make it

"It's good to know we've got the game to hold off a hot skip and make some great shots ourselves," Stoughton said. "Andy Kapp was a one-man wrecking crew. At times it felt like seven against one out there.

STOUGHTON THIRD JON MEAD ON GERMAN SKIP ANDY KAPE

Stoughton's front end of second Reid Carruthers and lead Steve Gould dominated German counterparts Andreas Lang and Holger Hoehne with shooting percentages about 20 per cent higher.

"I had to make some circus shots to keep us alive, but it was not enough to win this game," Kapp said. "We needed to make more shots to put pressure on them, but we were under pressure the whole game.'

Kapp is appearing in his 13th world championship and has the most career wins at 66. He has yet to collect one here as his team dropped to 0-2.

Canada got a breather yesterday with just one game before splitting today's games between the morning and evening draws. Stoughton takes on Dong Keun Lee of South Korea (0-3), followed by Pete Fenson of the U.S. (1-1) at night. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Curling Championship in Regina yesterday.

Devils miss playoffs for first time in over decade

For the first time since 1996 the New Jersey Devils are not going to the playoffs.

The Devils' post-season streak ended Saturday night when they lost 3-1 to the Montreal Canadiens. For the past week, the end of the Devils' run was just a

20 The Devils' streak was the league's second longest. Detroit recently extended its post-season streak to 20 straight seasons.

matter of time. A 1-4-1 slide had made the outcome inevitable, along with a miserable start that left New Jersey 27 points out of a playoff spot in early January. A frantic 23-3-2 burst drew the Devils within six points of a playoff spot a couple of weeks ago.

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Sports in brief

Small schools deliver ratings

NCAA. The Final Four pairing of Virginia Commonwealth and Butler didn't hurt TV ratings

Saturday night's 8.9 rating and 17 share on CBS tied for the highest since 2005. The championship

game is tonight at 9 p.m. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shaq's return short-lived

NBA. Shaquille O'Neal lasted a little more than five minutes in his return for the Boston Celtics vesterday before limping off the floor. He went back in for the second half, but went to locker-room in the first minute. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Hockey player Schwartz succumbs to leukemia

Saskatchewan hockey player Mandi Schwartz has lost her valiant battle with leukemia.

Thousands of people rallied to her side to help her in that battle, but the 23year-old from Wilcox died yesterday after two years of fighting the disease, according to her high school, Notre Dame College.

She went into a Regina hospital on Saturday night and died yesterday morning, said Notre Dame Colrotre Da rege president Palmarin.

"We're all a bit taken aback and saddened because she's one of ours," Palmarin said.

"Mandi's struggle with leukemia was particularly close to everyone's heart here. For the last couple of years, we've been praying for her at assemblies and held a couple of fundraisers to help with her family's costs when they travelled to the States for treatment."

Schwartz played forward for the Yale Bulldogs. Before heading to Yale, she played girls' hockey for the Notre Dame Hounds in Wilcox.

Schwartz's brothers Jaden and Rylan play hockey for Colorado College in the NCAA and are also Notre Dame alumni.

Her father, Rick, and mother, Carol, took leave from their jobs with the Saskatchewan Safety Council and Saskatchewan Jusrespectively shepherd their daughter through treatment.

She was engaged to engineering student Kaylem Prefontaine of Rockglen, Sask., and they had planned a wedding for the summer of 2012.

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Across

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13 Alias abbr.

14 Erte's art style

15 Grand story

16 Wicker-encased

bottle

18 Insist on 20 Served tea

21 Appear to be

23 Spoon-bender Geller

24 Outward manner 28 Slithery fish

31 Eggs

32 Male voice 34 Born

35 Instrument of

Marxism?

37 Insanity

39 Youngster 41 Harvard rival

42 Upper part of the foot

45 Maidens of Greek

myth 49 Blue-stater

51 Hen pen 52 Slender

53 Japanese sash

54 Earthenware pot

55 Sea flock

56 Govt. media monitor

57 Agrees silently

Down

1 Scored 100 on 2 "Unh-unh"

3 Decorate, perhaps

5 Aroused anger 6 Eisenhower

7 Moist 8 Urge earnestly 9 Get one's bearings

back 10 Rue the run

11 007 17 Debtor's letters

19 All spruced up 22 Cash

24 Homer's interiec-

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▶ Weekend's answer

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spikes 38 Without dissent

40 Calendar abbr. 42 Not busy

43 — -do-well 44 Lecture hall VIP

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Weekend's answer ▶

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↑ Aries March 21-April 20 What good is life if you can't treat yourself to a few harm-

less dreams. ¥ Taurus April 21-May 21 The planets urge you to get over whatever it is that has made

you a bit depressed.

II **Gemini** May 22-June 21 If someone makes you an interesting offer don't just assume there must be a catch.

Gancer June 22-July 22 You won't get people to follow you simply by barking orders at them.

∩ Leo July 23-Aug.23 What happens over the next 24 hours will prove you were right..

My Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Make every hour, every minute and every moment count. **≃ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23** Life is

as good as you want it to be, so want it to be perfect in every way — and it will be. M Scorpio oct. 24-Nov. 22 Get busy on that artistic project

you have been thinking about.
Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Not everyone is against you

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> and even those who are act mainly out of fear. trust more.
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> 13 Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 If you don't push yourself a bit today you'll feel as if you have let yourself down. Get busy.

> Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You've always been adventurous, but now there's a purpose to your travels.

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 . What is your highest ideal? Can you live up to that vision of vourself? Yes you can.

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